opportunity; and special projects. The Office also oversees three innovative educational programs: Prince George's County Magnet Schools, the Maryland Assessment Center, and the Maryland Student Service Alliance.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS Mark Moody, Director

333-2045

The Office of Management Information Services is responsible for research, evaluation and statistical services, and data processing. Through the Research, Evaluation, and Statistical Services Branch, the Office collects and compiles data from local school systems for local, State and federal reporting requirements, including the Maryland School Performance Program Report. The Office produces annual reports (by school system) on staffing, students, facilities, finance, and curriculum. The Data Processing Branch oversees the Department's data processing operations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, PARTNERSHIPS & MARKETING

Beth Briscoe-Campbell, Chief

333-2205

The Office of Public Information, Partnerships and Marketing was formed in 1990. The Office promotes partnerships between businesses and schools. It coordinates the Passport Program sponsored by the State and the business community to recognize students with a 95 percent attendance record, C average, and good standing in the community. Students are encouraged to show their passport card to businesses when applying for jobs. The Office also "markets" State and national goals of educational reform to teachers, parents, the business world, and the community to obtain their support.

OFFICE OF MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

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In December 1989, the State Board of Education established the Maryland School Performance Program under the State Superintendent of Schools to measure student performance and set standards for school performance and goals for improvement. The Program develops and implements plans for school improvement and accreditation.

The Program has developed a comprehensive accountability system for schools, school systems, and the State, based on students' Maryland Functional Test Scores, yearly attendance, dropout rate, and promotion rate.

In November 1990, the Office issued its initial report, Maryland School Performance Program Report, 1991—State and School Systems to present a portion of identified data on school performance. The report provides a baseline picture of each school system and includes measures of performance that are expected to be reached by 1995. The Office plans to publish 1991 and 1992 results to expand baseline data and measure improvement from year to year.

DIVISION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES

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The Division of Library Development and Services was established in 1946 as the Division of Library Extension, and was renamed in 1969. The Division administers State and federal programs to improve library services in public schools and public libraries throughout the State (Code Education Article, secs. 23-102 through 23-105).

Under the Division are the Public Libraries and State Networking Branch and the School Library Media Services and State Media Services Branch. The Division is aided by the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries.

MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES Offie E. Clark, Chairperson, 1991

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair): Dr. Gretta H. Burnett, 1991; William M. Bailey, 1992; Josef B. Brown, 1993; Isabelle Lynch, 1994; Dennis C. Miller, 1995; George A. Sands, Jr., 1995.

Ex officio: David Sumler, Maryland Higher Education Commission; Robert Killebrew, Enoch Pratt Free Library; Claude Walston, Ph.D., University of Maryland; Mary Landry, Maryland Library Association; Judith King, Maryland Educational Media Organization.

Secretary: J. Maurice Travillian, Assistant State Superintendent for Library Development & Services

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The Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries was created in 1971 (Chapter 770, Acts of 1971). The Council serves as an advisory board to the Division of Library Development and Services, the